



Royal Expeditions

Travel in Style - India, Nepal & Bhutan

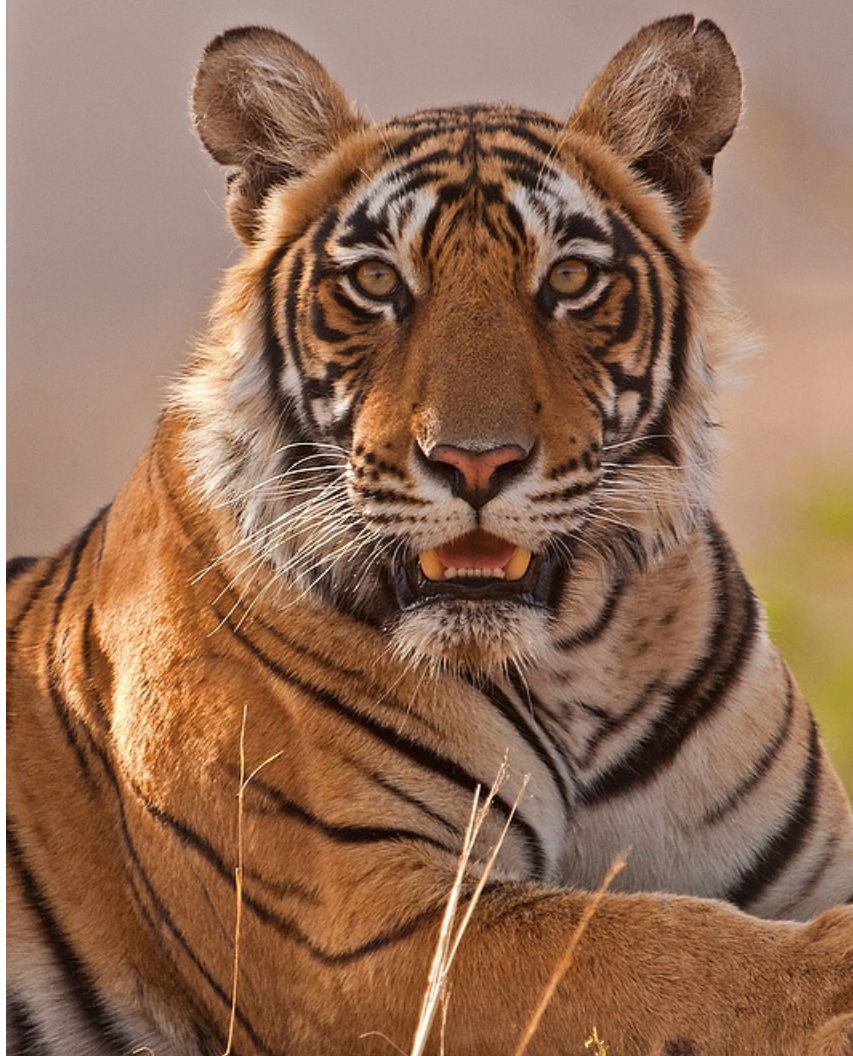
Supporting Culture & Nature Conservation Initiatives

Wildlife with a Difference

Royal Expeditions has pioneered tours supporting conservation projects and funding research programmes of endangered species like the tiger, snow leopard, Four Horn antelope, Asian elephant and more.

Our carefully chosen range of naturalists and wildlife scientists, who accompany you on your safari, add fresh insight to your experience of the Indian jungles and their inhabitants. Explore India's diverse terrain through private safaris in all major National Parks: Ranthambhore, Kanha, Bandhavgarh, Nagarhole and Kaziranga.

So may it be birdwatching in the lower Himalayas or tracking the elusive snow leopard or Tibetan wolf in the high Himalayas, Royal Expeditions always brings a personalized touch to the intrigue of India.



About Us



Royal Expeditions was founded in 1993 by Rani Chandresh Kumari, the princess of Jodhpur, who remains Chairperson of the organization. As a member of Parliament and Minister for Culture, her local connections and vast network, paired with the most knowledgeable and hospitable staff in the industry, have made Royal Expeditions the elite choice for an insider's view of travel to India, Nepal and Bhutan.

Royal Expeditions specializes in both group and individual travel, as well as special interest tours for media, photographers, and more.

Why Travel with Royal Expeditions

- **Credentials** - We are experts in the field, and with the Princess of Jodhpur's connections, we have arranged itineraries for some of the world's most demanding individuals, groups, institutions and documentary film-makers. We are also a founding and current member of TOFT, India.
- **Expertise** - You could spend months scouring websites for the right arrangements, but why forgo a uniquely tailored trip? With us, you'll always enjoy intimate interpretation and local flair with our trusted guides.
- **Customization** - Steer clear of big tour buses or guides that take you to stores for monetary kickbacks! We handpick our guides, hotels, restaurants and tourist attractions to ensure the best possible arrangements within your financial plan.
- **Seamless Planning** - From securing landing permissions for foreign private jets to arranging grand parties in private palaces, we are the best in the industry at securing watertight logistics.
- **Security** - We are in constant contact with our local offices and your drivers and guides throughout your travels. If something goes wrong with your health, general well-being or arrangements, we are here to help. Our key staff in Delhi and regional offices can be contacted over mobile phone, and during long drives all of our drivers carry mobile devices.
- **Hassle Free Photography** - Local connections to resources, people, places, permissions, transportation, and security gives you the worry-free flexibility in capturing all that India, Nepal, and Bhutan have to offer.



Parks By State

the best of India's wildlife

Rajasthan

- Ranthambhore National Park

Assam

- Kaziranga National Park

Uttaranchal

- Corbett National Park

Maharashtra

- Tadoba National Park

Madhya Pradesh

- Kanha National Park
- Bandhavgarh National Park
- Satpura National Park





Ranthambhore National Park

This former hunting reserve of the Maharaja of Jaipur derives its name from a 10th century fort and sits high on a craggy outcrop in Rajasthan. Ranthambhore was also included in the first phase of Project Tiger, an initiative by the Indian government to safeguard the tiger population in the early 1970s. Early morning and late afternoon game drives provide the best opportunities to see all the wildlife that Ranthambhore has to offer: leopard, deer, monkeys, and colourful birdlife. Ranthambhore still remains one of the best places to view tigers in the wild.

“... the one land that all men DESIRE to see,
and having seen once, by even a glimpse, would not
give that GLIMPSE for the shows of all
the rest of the globe combined.”

~Mark Twain, American writer



Kaziranga National Park

Kaziranga, one of the most remote national parks in India, sits on the banks of the mighty Brahmaputra River in the state of Assam. Kaziranga is famed for its one-horned rhino. Other frequently sighted animals include the barasingha, or the swamp deer. The proximity to the river provides plenty of water pools that attract a variety of fishing birds, like pelicans and Pallas's fishing eagle.

"If there is ONE PLACE on the face of the earth
where all the dreams of living men have found a home
from the very earliest days when man began the
dream of existence, it is INDIA!"

~Romaine Rolland, French scholar





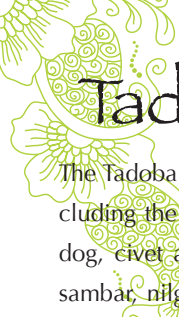
Corbett National Park

Nestled in the Himalayan foothills along the Ramganga River, Corbett is the oldest national park in India. The great pied hornbills and the rare ibisbill are among the 580 species of birds spotted here. From February onwards, wild elephants emerge from the forests to drink at the river, also home to marsh crocodiles and gharial, a river-dwelling, fish-eating crocodile. Tigers roam Corbett where domesticated elephants are available for safaris.

“On the face of India are
the **tender expressions** which
carry the mark of the Creator’s hand.”

~George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright





Tadoba National Park

The Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve is teeming with carnivores including the tiger, leopard, jungle cat, jackal, hyena, Indian wild dog, civet and sloth bear. Other wildlife abounds: gaur, chital, sambhar, nilgai, muntjac (barking deer), chevrotain (mouse deer), common langur, flying squirrel, wild pig, Indian python, 74 species of butterflies, 195 species of birds, crocodiles and many other interesting reptiles and fauna make Tadoba a true gem. The park offers a diverse landscape comprising cliffs, caves, marshes, perennial lakes and boulder-strewn streambeds that cater to a host of biodiversity. Tadoba is one of the few parks that is open year round, offering visitors an opportunity to visit in the monsoon season - an extraordinarily active time for all plants and wildlife.

“The greatest skeptic must now admit that the land
and sea-borne trade of India had given her a world-
wide fame not only for her gold, spices and
silk, but for her religions and philosophies also.”

~ Virchand Raghavji Gandhi





Kanha National Park

Kanha National Park covers over 940 square kilometres with two main entry points at Kisli and the more remote Mukki gate. Kanha can be reached from the Raipur, Nagpur, and Jabalpur airports or Jabalpur train station. Over 200 bird species and 22 species of mammals have been recorded, including leopard, swamp deer, and the Indian wild dog. Many can be seen from your breakfast table, or in the meadows during your morning game drive. There is also a healthy population of tigers and sloth bears within Kanha National Park.

“Nowhere on Earth does humanity present itself
in such a dizzying, creative burst of cultures
and religions, races and tongues.”

~A Rough Guide to India, travel guide



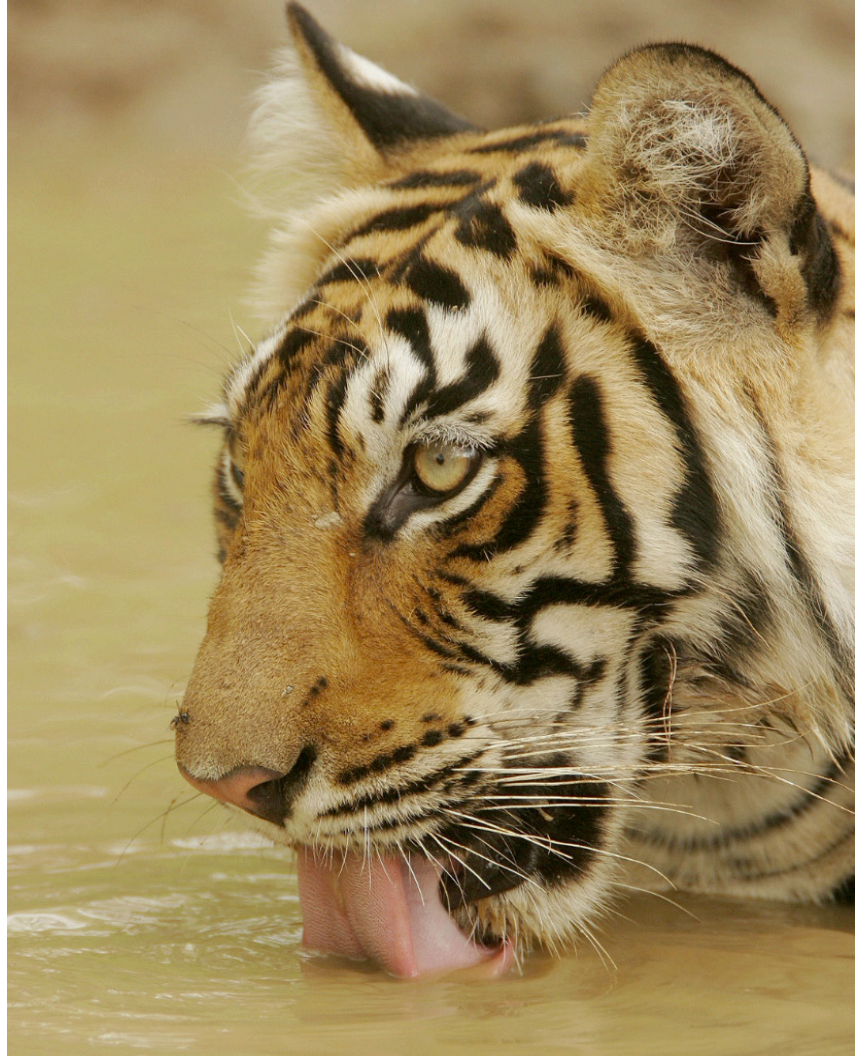
Bandhavgarh National Park

Thick sal and bamboo forests, interspersed with open marshland, characterize Bandhavgarh - the smallest of the three national parks in the region. Bandhavgarh is cradled in Central India in the state of Madhya Pradesh, and is accessible from the airports at Khajuraho and Jabalpur. Game drives are taken in the early morning and late afternoon in small jeeps. The lush forests and marshlands here create an ideal habitat for wild boar, jackal and sambar. The park has a high tiger density and as a result, sightings are frequent.

“A BRAVE heart and a courteous tongue.

*They shall carry thee far through
the JUNGLE, manling.”*

~Rudyard Kipling, The Jungle Book





Satpura National Park

Created in 1981, this lesser-known park adjoins the Bori and Pachmarhi sanctuaries and provides over 1427 square kilometres of unique Central Indian Highland eco-system. The extremely rugged terrain is a breathtaking contrast to the densely forested hills reflecting in the sparkling water of the Tawa reservoir. Explore on foot, by canoe, elephant or jeep in this off-the-beaten-path gem. Satpura supports an array of mammals, including the tiger, leopard, sambar, chital, nilgai, bison and wild dog. It is an excellent place to spot the sloth bear, as well as a variety of birds, such as hornbills and peafowl.










“India will TEACH us the tolerance and gentleness
of mature mind, understanding spirit and a
unifying pacifying LOVE for all
human beings.”

~Will Durant, American philosopher



Tailor Your Trip

When To Go *

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
											

 Good weather, good sightings
  Warm weather, good sightings, wildlife concentrated around water sources
  Park closed

Getting Around

The accessibility, infrastructure and facilities of India's parks varies considerably. While some parks are just a short drive from main cities, others are more remote and can be reached only by taking an overnight train or long drive. Distances between parks are vast and road conditions sometimes poor; however, driving is generally the only option. Daily flights into the different areas where the parks are located connect via Mumbai or Delhi. To combine the parks of Central India with the south or Kaziranga in the northeast, you will need to use a combination of flights.

Prices

Royal Expeditions offers trips that cater to a wide range of budgets. You can find up-to-date guideline prices for your trip to India's national parks on our website. Alternatively, please call our specialists on the back of this guide to discuss your plans.

*Each park exact open/close dates depend upon weather - please check with your Royal Expeditions consultant.

Wildlife Itinerary #1

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Day 1 Fly to New Delhi and overnight.

Morning fly to Nagpur and make the short drive to Tadoba for three nights. Morning and afternoon jeep safaris in search of the elusive tiger, langur, spotted deer, and jungle cat.

Days 2-4

A final morning game drive before your journey continues by road to the largest of the national parks, Kanha, for three nights. Enjoy jeep safaris into the park, village visits and bird watching walks.

Days 5-7

Final morning drive before continuing your journey by road to Bandhavgarh National Park, stopping en route at the Fossils National Park. Enjoy jeep safaris in Bandhavgarh, including a visit to the imposing Central Fort.

Days 8-10

Drive to Jabalpur for a short train journey to Pipariya. On arrival, transfer to Satpura National Park for three nights. Enjoy walking and elephant safaris and explore the Tawa Reservoir by boat.

Days 11-13

Final morning elephant ride before you transfer to Bhopal to meet your evening flight back to the UK, connecting via Mumbai. Extend your stay and explore cultural triangle - Delhi, Agra and Jaipur.

Day 14

Wildlife Itinerary #2

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Day 1 Fly to New Delhi and overnight.

Morning fly to Jorhat and take a short drive to Kaziranga National Park for three nights. Morning and afternoon elephant or jeep safaris in search of rhino, wild water buffalo, elephants, tigers and birds.

Days 2-4

A final morning elephant safari before your journey to the largest of the national parks, Kanha. We fly from Jorhat to Jabalpur with an overnight stop in Delhi.

Days 5-6

Enjoy jeep safaris into the park in search of tiger, bison and wild dogs, village visits and bird watching walks.

Days 7-8

Final morning game drive before continuing your journey by road to Bandhavgarh National Park having high density of tigers. Enjoy jeep safaris in Bandhavgarh, including a visit around the imposing Central Fort.

Days 9-11

Final morning game drive before you transfer to Jabalpur to meet your afternoon flight back to the USA, connecting via New Delhi. OR extend your stay and explore the cultural triangle: Delhi, Agra and Jaipur.

Day 12

Wildlife Itinerary #3

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Day 1 Fly to New Delhi and overnight.

Morning at leisure, afternoon 5 hour train journey to India's most picturesque park Ranthambhore for 3 nights. Enjoy safaris in Jeep or open trucks. Besides tigers, the reserve has a thriving bird population with more than 270 different species.

Days 2-4

Early morning take a 3 hour train journey to Bharatpur and stay overnight. This afternoon and following morning, explore the World Heritage Bharatpur Bird Sanctuary, which is a mosaic of dry grasslands, woodlands, woodland swamps, and wetlands. Explore diverse habitats of 366 bird species by foot, boat or Cycle rickshaw. Later drive 1 hour to Agra to see the Taj Mahal and take the afternoon flight to Khajuraho.

Days 5-6

Sunrise tour of World Heritage Khajuraho Temples and drive 5 hours to Bandhavgarh National Park and stay for three nights. Enjoy jeep safaris. Tigers are the star attraction here, with an impressive supporting cast of mammals, including sloth bear, leopard, and over 250 bird species.

Days 7-9

Final morning safari and drive 4 hours to Jabalpur to fly to Delhi and connect to your evening international flight.

Day 10



Cultural Extensions

EXTENSION OPTIONS PRE/POST WILDLIFE SAFARI -
STAY IN LUXURY PALACE HOTELS, SHOP IN THE WORLD'S BEST BAZAARS,
AND VISIT THESE ICONIC PLACES...

Extension Options

Explore New or Old Delhi, a perfect introduction to India's brash, chaotic, charming and dynamic capital city.

Experience the monumental beauty and atmosphere of the Taj Mahal as the sun rises and casts a magical pink light across its elegant facade.

Bargain for printed cotton and silks in the pink city of Jaipur.

Relax on palm-fringed beaches or an eco-friendly houseboat on the lush backwaters of Kerala.

Visit the tea plantations of Darjeeling in northeast India.





Further Extension Options

Visit the world famous Pushkar Camel Fair, stay in royal tents of the Maharaja of Jodhpur, explore the fairgrounds by hot air balloon at dawn and later on camelback.
(October or November)

Journey to Dharmasala, base for the Tibetan government in exile, where the Dalai Lama is often in residence and may lead prayers.

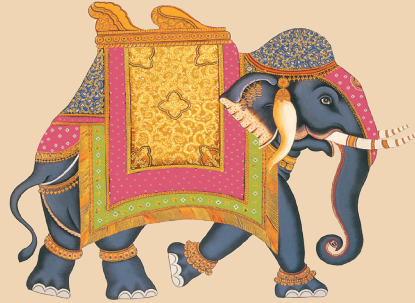
Explore the colourful Thar Desert on Marwari horses, riding past forts, palaces, and the picturesque countryside, sleep under the stars in a luxury tented camp.

Trek in Ladakh's protected snow leopard habitat, high in the Himalayas at the crossroads of ancient trade routes to Tibet and Central Asia.

Discover India's holiest city, the utterly fascinating and deeply spiritual Varanasi, and take an evening boat ride along the holy Ganges.

FULL ITINERARIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST / FULLY ESCORTED / MEETING UPON ALL TRAIN & FLIGHT ARRIVALS / LUXURY PALACE HOTELS IN JAIPUR, UDAIPUR, JODHPUR.





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